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# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest, provide education, and enable the exchange of information among those interested in all aspects of orchid culture.

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## President's message: Thank you!



What an incredible **Orchid Magic Show** we had! A sincere gratitude to our board members and the **47 dedicated volunteers**

who generously gave their time, energy, and talents to make this event such a tremendous success. From setup to breakdown, and everything in between, your teamwork truly made the magic happen. The displays were bigger and better than ever.

A special shout-out goes to our **Show Committee**, who met regularly and worked tirelessly to make this event outstanding: Roger Triplett (volunteer coordinator), Olivia Turowski (hospitality), Grace Boston (ticket distribution), Len Emory (budget control), Justine Vishnesky (education), Keith London (raffles), Mary Jo Frick (treasurer), Gretchen Denton (designer and social media), Doreen Christensen (advertising), Karen Fleisher (keiki display), Claire Garrett (outreach), Craig Barry (floor plan), Zoe Bejar (student art), Olivier Turina (judging), Joan Connors (AOS judging), Timothy Russo (advertising), David Thompson (set up and design), Les Corbin (set up and signs), and Keiki member John Soto (advertising), who coordinated all the freebies for our VIP early shopping, auction, and raffle. Please thank these people for their talent and contributions when you see

them. Thanks to our vendors too, a few will be on the Ramble, **March 21**, please be sure to thank them for their participation and support.

Not only did we have a fantastic show, but our **Keiki Club of new members** shined brightly once again, earning a **Silver Certificate award from the American Orchid Society** for their stunning welcome display. Bravo to this talented and enthusiastic group!

During the show, we welcomed several new members, all of whom are automatically inducted into our Keiki social group. These exclusive monthly meetings give new members the opportunity to bond with one another over two years while easing them into the sometimes intimidating world of orchid growing. Through visits to various growing areas and hands-on learning, Keikis build a strong foundation, while also deepening their knowledge at our general meetings where expert speakers often present more advanced topics. This blend of education and community is at the heart of what our wonderful society provides.

As a reminder to our seasoned members who have not yet renewed: our membership database will purge on **March 1**. If you have not paid your **2026 dues**, please do so as soon as possible. We truly value your participation in the society and would hate to lose you.

– **LUANNE BETZ**  
**FLOS President**

## February Presenter: Naoki Kawamura, Presentation on Coryanthes



See Naoki Kawamura present at 7:30 PM on February 9th. After a friend bought a house and requested a white Phalaenopsis as

a housewarming gift, and mentioned a boutique orchid store in Portland, Oregon. Naoki visited the store and was overwhelmed by the variety of orchids, especially a multi-growth Paphiopedilum micranthum priced at \$800. He left that day with only a white Phalaenopsis. A few days later, he returned to the store and purchased a Dendrobium for himself. As he began learning how to care for it, he also joined the Oregon Orchid Society to gain knowledge from other growers.

Although he did not buy the Paphiopedilum micranthum, he acquired his first green Paphiopedilum at a society meeting. With each monthly meeting he attended, more orchids came home from local vendors and speakers. Before long, his dining table had turned into an orchid table. Because of Portland's cold winters, all of his orchids were grown under lights. They responded well to the environment, and he was able to rebloom them successfully.

Relocating to Florida had been a lifelong dream for him and his partner, Mike, and it became reality when he accepted a National Sales Support Manager position in April

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2017. Why Venice? They had never visited Venice before, but thanks to John Masters—whom they met through FOG—and his friend, a realtor, they managed to purchase their house without ever walking through it. His orchid collection was shipped to a friend in Orlando, who helped the plants acclimate to the Florida sun.

All of his orchids are now grown inside the pool cage, a completely different environment from what he was used to in Portland. He soon learned that even in Florida it can get too cold for Vandas. He embraced the challenge and continues striving to improve his growing skills.

He received his first two AOS awards while still in Portland. As of September 2025, he has earned 89 awards, including five FCCs and two CCEs. He is currently serving as a first-year student judge with the AOS Florida North Central Judging Center.

– LEN EMORY  
Programs Chair

## Spring FLOS Ramble!

Saturday, March 21

This promises to be a fun and exciting day exploring exceptional orchid vendors and enjoying time together.

Ramble Highlights:

- Visits to four orchid vendors

**1. Quest Orchids** - Vendor of various orchids and specializing in Cattleyas

• **Banjong Orchids** - Vendor of unique, imported gorgeous pottery and Vandas

• **RF Orchids** - Lots of different types of orchids on beautiful grounds. A picnic area will be available for lunch

• **OFE** - Orchid supply vendor and will also be hosting numerous additional orchid vendors in coordination with our ramble

• Snacks and refreshments provided on the bus

• Picnic lunch stop at RF Orchids (Please bring your own lunch)

Cost: \$50 per person if payment is received by Monday, March 9  
[Pay Here](#)

**Deadline to sign up and pay: March 9th**

Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot early!

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Boston at [GraceBoston2010@gmail.com](mailto:GraceBoston2010@gmail.com)

We look forward to sharing a wonderful day of orchids, shopping, education, and friendship with you!

– GRACE BOSTON  
FLOS Board Trustee



*Orchid Show & Sale*  
*Valentine's Weekend*

February 14-15, 2026  
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## Keikis awarded Silver Certificate from AOS



Pena, Tony Millet, John Soto, Doreen Christensen, Louise Appelman, Claire Garrett, Jill Smith, Richard Chavis, Traci Slusher, Maura Mitzner, Tim Russo, our supportive FLOS board and honorary Keiki Grady who was the one who came up with the unique levitating device that wowed everyone! They not only built a display, but the Keikis built friendships by working together that will hopefully last throughout their FLOS journey.

A special thank you to Glenda Connelly, whose hard work and passion for creating our Keiki displays for the past two years made us award winners, as well as creating works of beauty for the public to enjoy.

We have many exciting Keiki meetings planned for 2026! Please remember to pay your 2026 dues now or you won't be able to attend these great events.

The next Keiki meeting will take place on February 28th so save the date and watch your email around the first week of February for your invitation.

– KAREN FLEISHER  
Keiki Chair

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society is so proud of our Keikis! They have been awarded a Silver Certificate by the American Orchid Society for their beautiful entrance display at the FLOS Orchid Magic show. Visitors to the show were enthralled by our levitating paphiopedilum which was the highlight of the display. Special thanks go out to the many Keikis who helped plan and build

this spectacular display of orchids - it takes a village! Thank you to all who helped in any way, big or small. Among those who were involved with this project or lent plants include: Glenda and Bruce Connelly, Dave Sweeten, Luanne Betz, Dave Thompson, Heidi Rubin, Phil Salin, Anne Marcovich, Carol Lebischak, Doug Dourado, Marty Cha, Jackie Nunez, Chuck Asche, Marisabel Harding, Sonia

## FLOS Community Outreach at January Riverwalk Jazz Brunch



Keith London, Claire Garrett, Luanne Betz, Mary Jo Frick, Sonia Pena, Doreen Christensen, Zoe Bejar, Gretchen Denton, and Joanne Pena Harris volunteering at the Riverwalk Jazz Brunch in January.

### Welcome new members

- Barbara Denard
- Angelique Dab
- Yesenia Rosario
- Marilyn Carlisle
- Eli Deal
- Donna Galatis
- Jodi Goldman
- Denise Mangini
- Maria Supple
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# Dendrobiums Explained: Culture, Care, and Key Sections - Part 2

Growing Orchids With Olivier

This is part 2 of an article from last month about sections in the Dendrobium genus.

- Section Phalaenanthus is your usual big box retailer hybrid dendrobium. You know the look.... They are easy to grow, require no rest but are cold sensitive.
- Section Pedilonum is a bit less common but well known because of *Dendrobium bullenianum* with its orange/red flowers and *goldschmidtianum* with its fuchsia flowers. These orchids are deciduous and flowers usually grow on 2-year-old leafless canes. These have typically long, pendulous canes and need less light than the previous sections. Also they need tons of water in the Summer but

very little from December through Spring when they bloom. The flowers are tiny but there are hundreds of them and when grown successfully, these are truly gorgeous plants. Older cane can rebloom for many years before drying out.

- Section Dendrobium (often referred to as Nobile Dendrobiums) is well known and commonly available but somewhat tricky to grow in South Florida. There are 2 subsections, one of which requiring warmer temperatures which is easier to bloom. Den. anosmum (right) is part of that latter group and is common in South Florida and very attractive. They require a real dry rest over the winter.



Den. anosmum

which is the record holder of points awarded by judges at 99 points for a monster specimen - is a dream to own but unfortunately, South Florida is not an ideal place to grow them although I know people who bloom them successfully but they will never reach their full potential in our climate.

These dendrobiums need an extensive 100% dry rest but also a drop in nighttime temperatures that we are typically not able to provide in South Florida. Den. kingianum though will bloom if you provide the required rest. I will also mention

- *Dendrobium hercoglossum* and *linguella* (Section Breviflores). The flowers (pink for the former and white for the latter) are small but delightful. These plants need reduced watering over the winter and are somewhat cold sensitive.
- *Dendrobium faciferum* (Section Rhopalanthe). This is a good choice for South Florida.

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- *Dendrobium anceps* (Section Aporum). This orchid is grown for its attractive foliage rather than the inconspicuous flowers.

All these are species that hail from other sections which are less commonly encountered in South Florida but will grow well here and I find them very attractive.

Finally, I wanted to mention Den. *cuthbertsonii* which is a beautiful popular miniature commonly available online but it is cold growing (as it comes from high altitudes) and will not bloom in South Florida. So don't get tempted...

**Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014 and a board member in 2020.**



Den. hercoglossum



Den. faciferum

### FEBRUARY Event Calendar

**February 14-15 24 - Boca Raton Orchid Society's "In Love With...Orchids"**

2026 at the Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

**February 20-22 - Naples Orchid Society's "Orchid Rodeo"**

Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL 34112

**February 21 - Florida-Caribbean Judging Center - Fairchild Tropical Garden**

Judging takes place at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, Corbin Building, Room A, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL at 1:00PM on the third Saturday of the month. Send cut flowers to: Dr. Claire Sidran, 7971 SW 122nd St, Miami, FL 33156.

**February 28 - West Palm Beach Judging Center - Flamingo Gardens**

Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2:00PM. Plant Registration and Training will begin at 12:30PM, Nominations at 2:00PM.

Exhibitors can go to [www.wpbjc.org](http://www.wpbjc.org) for more information or email Jackie Wood at [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

**Those – including the 3 sections mentioned in the first article - are the most common sections you will encounter in South Florida but there are plenty more.**

I just want to add Section Dendrocoryne (aka. Australian hard cane dendrobiums). Those orchids carry numerous gorgeous little flowers and hail from Australia.

*Dendrobium kingianum* is very popular and common, has many different colors and is very fragrant.

*Dendrobium speciosum* -



Den. bullenianum Section Pedilonum

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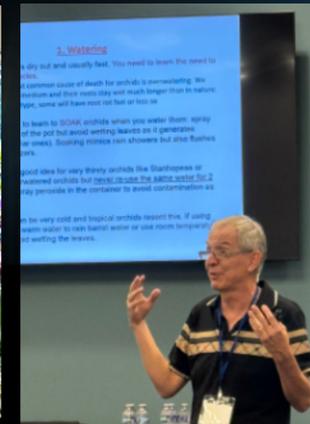


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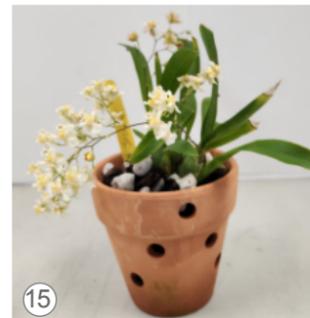
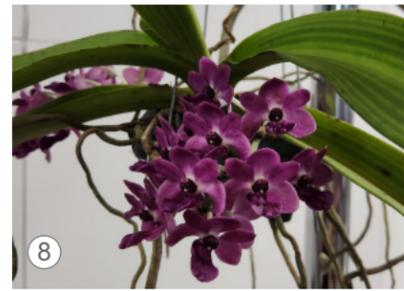
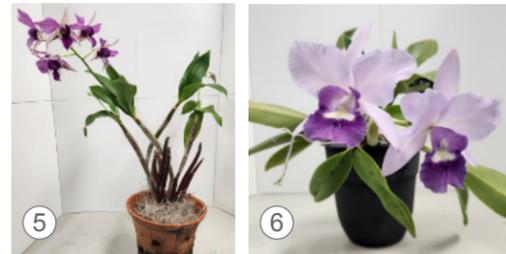
Jim Cootes continues his series on the genus Dendrobium with Part 18: Dendrobium sections Bolbodium, Brevisaccata and Microphytanthe; three small sections with only a few species each. Tim Culbertson astounds us with the lavishly illustrated second part of his articles on breeding in the Pescatoria Alliance. Steve Gonzalez treats us to his firsthand experiences with orchid growers in Portugal and Julian Shaw introduces us to Thomas W. Briscoe, the overlooked man who filled the nine-year gap between Seden's retirement from Veitch's Nursery and its sale.

# Orchid Magic was an amazing event!



# January 2026 Ribbon Awards

#	Orchid	Winner	Award
1	Ascda. Ladda Gold x Asc. Twinkle	Jacqueline Nunez	Blue
2	Cl. Rebecca Northen	Douglas Dourado	Blue
3	Ctsm. Pileatum	Damian Ruch	Blue
4	Cyc. chlorochilon	Douglas Dourado	Blue
5	Den. Fire Wings	Jennifer Pagnant	Blue
6	Lc. Final Blue	Doreen Christensen	Blue
7	Onc. Tariflor Lady	Jacqueline Nunez	Blue
8	Rhy. gigantea	Rosa Brouillet	Blue
9	Rth. Young-Min Orange	Rosa Brouillet	Blue
10	Tolu. Jairak Firm	Jacqueline Nunez	Blue
11	Blc. Hair pig	Luanne Betz	Culture
12	Lc. Melody Fair	Mark/Sherrie Smith	Culture
13	Rodriguezia dodsoniana	Douglas Dourado	Culture
14	Bc. Yellow Bird	Rosa Brouillet	Red
15	Onc. Twinkle	Jacqueline Nunez	Red



# February Orchid Tasks

Reproduced from [Florida Orchid Growing](#) with the kind permission of Dr. Martin Motes, this monthly guide provides general recommendations for orchid culture in South Florida.

1. Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again in two weeks.
2. Spray for Botrytis using Florida recommended fungicide or bicarbonate of soda.
3. Begin spring potting.
4. Watch for mites.



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## Meeting Info

When - 2nd Mon. of each month.  
Time - 7:30 - 9:30PM  
Location - Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall,  
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306  
[Google Map](#)